



Trustee News

May 2019

Kia ora te whānau

This Trustee News follows the May board meeting, held last week, which was the final meeting for the current board. As you should be aware now, the triennial board of trustees elections are coming up, and you should have received papers seeking nominations, which are due this Friday 24 May at midday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board members who will not be seeking re-election for the time, effort, expertise and wisdom that they have given the school in the past three years. I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to lead a team of people who are so passionate about making the primary school years of our tamariki as rich and rewarding as possible.

We spent some meeting time talking about the induction process for new board members, and evaluating the progress that we have made as a team.

TEACHERS STRIKE WEDNESDAY 29 MAY

As a board we also discussed and agreed that the school would close on the day of the planned teacher strike action on Wednesday 29 May. As all fulltime staff are members of the Union, we are unable to provide safe supervision. There has already been an email notification sent to school whānau but please note this in your diary if it is not already.

This Union action next Wednesday (29th) is separate to the previously planned and notified Kilbirnie School teacher only day next Friday (31st), when staff will be at school for a day of professional development.

We know that this will be a disruption for families and students, but student safety is always a priority.

PROPERTY REVIEW

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, this year we are undergoing a review of our school buildings as we prepare a 10 year property plan, and will then develop a 5 year agreement with the Ministry of Education regarding building works. This is only at a very preliminary stage at the moment – we are still having property assessed by experts – and no decision has been made as to what gets altered or how.

We asked for your views on property in last year's survey, and these will be fed into a design process when that begins. We intend to keep you fully informed through this whole process.

Ngā mihi
Chris Montgomerie
Chair, Board of Trustees